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# Women of the Year Legislative Update

My Democratic colleagues and I have spent the 117th Congress focused on helping families. From passing the largest middle class tax cut in a generation to fighting for universal Pre-K and paid family leave, Congress has supported hardworking families make ends meet.

Congress and the Biden Administration we have worked together to pass historic legislation like the American Rescue Plan, which helped safely re-open schools, administer COVID-19 vaccinations for free, put people back to work, and help working families get by financially throughout the pandemic. Sadly, layoffs related to the pandemic disproportionately impacted women. The American Rescue Plan tackled this issue head on and helped create 5.6 million new jobs this year alone.

Finally, I have worked with my colleagues in Washington to support the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and the Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act. These critically important bills support women's health and safety.

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#### H.R. 5376 – Build Back Better Act

President Biden's Build Back Better framework will invest billions of dollars in housing, paid family leave, childcare, and education. This historic bill will:

- Invest \$150 billion in constructing over 1 million new housing units
- Institute universal Pre-K for 3 & 4-year-old's, and provide significant support for working families struggling to afford childcare for younger children.
- Tackle the greed of big pharma companies by allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices, and cap seniors' out-of-pocket spending on prescription drugs.
- Create the largest investment in combatting Climate Change in history.

## H.R.1620 - Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2021

The Violence Against Women Act made concrete steps to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and support victims of these egregious crimes when first passed in 1994. The reauthorization I'm supporting will:

- Continue investing in programs to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and other gender-based violence.
- Ensure victims of domestic violence receive housing assistance.
- Prevent convicted stalkers or those with temporary restraining orders from possessing firearms.

## H.R. 1319 – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act took bold action to reverse the harm caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic. This legislation:

- Kept millions of small businesses afloat.
- Saved and brought back millions of American jobs.
- Cut child poverty in half.
- Supported unemployed workers while giving them the support they need to reenter the workforce.
- Helped schools safely reopen to ensure our children receive the best possible education.

### H.R.3183 - Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act

The Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act will eliminate bureaucratic red tape that blocks access to care and ensure that breast cancer patients enjoy the care and support they need.

This bill will:

- Eliminate the 2-year waiting period that Breast Cancer patients are currently placed on before they can receive Medicare benefits.
- Eliminate the 5-month waiting period that metastatic breast cancer patients currently undergo before they can receive Social Security Disability Insurance.

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